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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Air Force Reserve announce changes in command

Air Force Reserve changes in command that takes effect in early 2009 include:

- Col. Kevin E. Pottinger from commander of the 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, to commander of ARPC.

### Spouse support groups meets

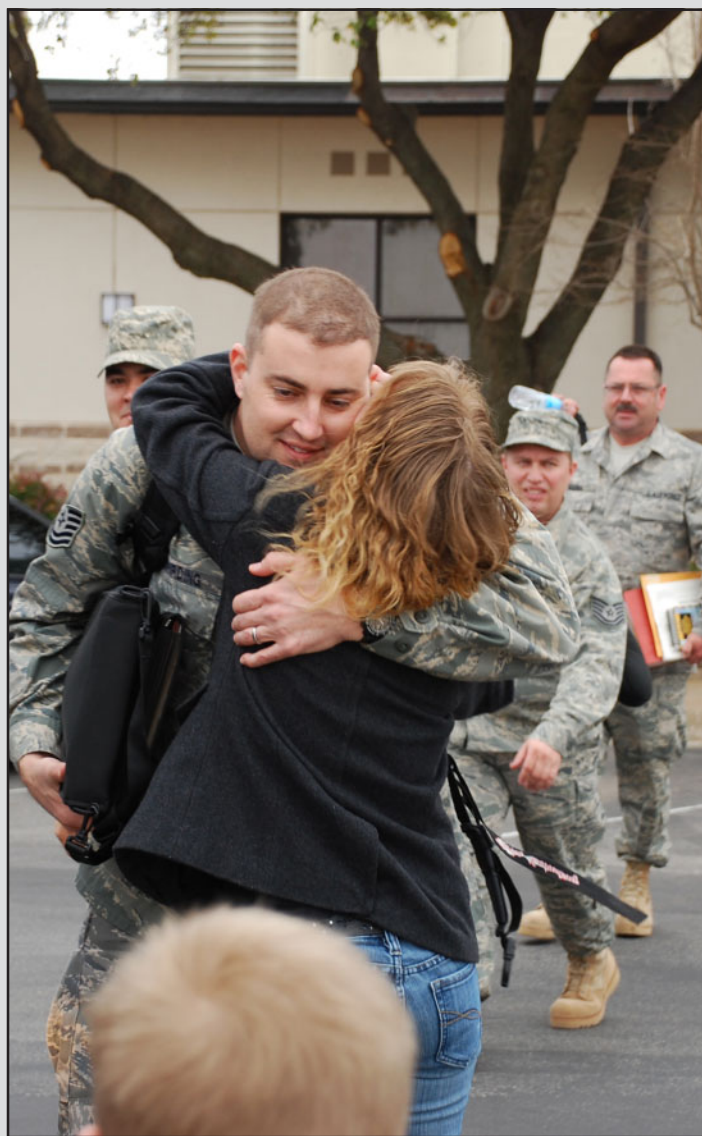
A Spouse Support Group Gathering is scheduled for March 7 at 2 p.m. at Family Support Center, Bldg. 1776. A guest speaker will discuss Family Wellness Issues during military deployments. Call 817.782.7435 for reservations.

### File taxes for free

Military OneSource is providing free tax consultation and filing services to military service members and their families during the tax season. Find out more about the program by visiting the Military OneSource Tax page <https://www.militaryonesource.com>.

### Remember...

This month's B UTA is from March 21 to 22.



### One final goodbye

A family takes advantage of a moment to grab one last hug before deployment. The 301st Fighter Wing deployed more than 125 members recently to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. See pages 4-5 for more deployment photos. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

## Col. Pottinger among senior officers nominated for promotion

**WASHINGTON** — Six Air Force Reserve brigadier generals and 15 colonels have been nominated by the president for promotion, according to an announcement Feb. 25 by Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., chief of Air Force Reserve.

Nominated for promotion to a second star are:  
- Brig. Gens. Roger A. Binder, mobilization assistant to the commander of Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Nominated to pin on their first star are:

Cols. William B. Binger, commander of the 482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.

**Kevin E. Pottinger, commander of the 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas**

Their nominations must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate for them to be promoted to the next higher rank. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

# Proud to have been your 'Wingman'

Ladies and gentlemen of the 301st Fighter Wing, I will be leaving as your commander on April 5 to assume duties as Commander, Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, Colo. Being a member of your team has been the highlight of my career. Never in my life have I seen a group of people who love their country more or who show such devotion to duty. Never before have I been so motivated to do all in my capacity to give back to you for your patriotism and generosity with your time.

The 301st Fighter Wing members have done a remarkable job in training, equipping, and deploying our Airmen to support the Global War on Terror. You have set the bar

extremely high and you should be proud of your accomplishments! I would also like to add that the 301st Fighter Wing has outperformed most other wings in volunteerism deployments, retention, medical readiness, PME, civilian education, and of course my favorite ... FITNESS!

Needless to say I will miss all of you. I appreciate you allowing me to be your "Wingman" and to serve by your side.

Sincerely,

**Col. Kevin Pottinger**  
Commander 301 FW



## Self-reporting system gives so others may live

**Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin**

AFRC Vice Commander

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Air Force Reserve Command's new self-reporting system known as Close Call. Under Close Call, all Air Force Reserve members are encouraged to anonymously report any event or observation they feel identifies a potential hazard to flight, ground, maintenance, weapons, or driving operations via an Internet web link. A similar system is currently being utilized by 74 airlines and is a proven means of identifying safety "focus" areas. This new system is an attempt to take Air Force Safety program from its traditional reactive role and create a new proactive paradigm that eliminates mishaps before they occur.

So what is a Close Call? A close call is an unplanned incident that does not cause personal injury or property damage; but under different circumstances could have done so. Experience with close call reporting systems has shown that timely review of close calls can provide valuable diagnostic information for insight into a system's vulnerabilities and help in the identification of

areas for system correction or improvement. The same conditions that lead to mishaps also cause close calls. It has been estimated that there are between 50 and 100 close calls for every major accident and therefore provide warning of an "accident waiting to happen."

All of us can look back on our careers and remember mistakes we made that should have ended in a mishap, but somehow we got lucky. Chances are none of us has committed an error that has never been committed before nor one that won't ever be committed again. Reporting those mistakes may just save someone's life.

As part of the campaign to launch this program, AFRC Safety will be sending posters to all of the Wings to advertise the system. Please post these in prominent areas. I want all AFRC commanders to support Close Call and to urge their personnel to become acquainted with the web site and to use it regularly. It will not work without your involvement. Best of all, it will not increase your work level. All of the analysis will be handled at the headquarters.

Please take some time to review the site (<https://wwwmil.se.afrc.af.mil/CloseCall>).

## FIGHTER LINE

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**Deadline for unsolicited submissions is close of business Monday after the "A" schedule unit training assembly.**

Articles should be typed, single-spaced, and, if possible, submitted via email to the public affairs office at [301fw.pa@carswell.af.mil](mailto:301fw.pa@carswell.af.mil).

For more information about the Fighter Line, call the 301st Fighter Wing public affairs office at 817-782-7170.

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# An act of kindness spreads through the Air Force

February 18, 2009

Col. Kevin Pottinger:

One year ago, one of your fighter pilots (Lt. Col. Ross Anderson) gave a squadron patch to my (at the time) 4 year old son: because my son told him that when he grew up, he would become a fighter pilot. This patch made a great difference in my son's behavior, education, and social skills at his school. He had a new pride and felt like one of the SPADS. I had the opportunity to thank this fine soldier and he in turn also gave my family a wonderful tour of Carswell-NAS JRB. Lt. Col. Anderson has moved to another base; but, his influence has continued. My son had the opportunity to give back to the Air Force. During the month of July, the 506th AF, Fire Fighter Unit stationed in Kiruk, Iraq was working hard to request "Operation School Supplies" donations. One of their own was from our small town of Krum. We read about the request in the city newspaper. My son was eager to work hard to help this AF soldier get what he needed. Tirelessly, my son met strangers with a smile, visited universities, community businesses in Ft. Worth, Flower Mound, and Denton. This once shy, little boy, who had held a low self-esteem before meeting his fighter pilot friend, gathered a little over 2,000 supplies for shipment over to Iraq. The 506th Unit gathered the most supplies and the soldier gave my son a flag and certificate of authenticity for all of my son's efforts. My son told the soldier that he just wanted to help the Air Force and shake his hand. That act of friendship and to show his support for the Air Force that made a difference in his life in all that my son wanted. My son wore a "mock" jet pilot suit, Lt. Col. hat (a hero of his amongst other in his life), and his SPADS patch on his arm. The ceremony picture made the front page of our city's newspapers.



I was actually wondering if it would be encouraging to any of the other pilots that may not be aware of what their kindness to others can accomplish. Sometime, we do wonderful things for others and never get to see an outcome of our selfless tasks. This was one time, where one could see an immediate return. I just wondered if the guys at the Fighter Unit in Fort Worth would want one copy, that could be left where they could read it, just as a Thank You reminder that their service to the community reaps its rewards. One man reached out to one boy who reached to one AF Unit. Always remember that your influence extends further than you could ever imagine. AIM HIGH!

And thanks to all of you for your service to us and our country!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Debra Rogers & Stephen*

Mrs. Debra Rogers and her son, Stephen



# Spotlight: Deployment time again



## Deploying again...

More than 125 301st Fighter Wing members deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, some for the fourth time. They are slated to return in the spring. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



## A bit of sugar

Tech. Sgt. Rodney Pollard, 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, gets a kiss from his daughter before leaving for Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

## Supporting the troops

Maj. Gen. TC Coon, 10th Air Force commander (left), and Col. Kevin E. Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander (center), bid farewell and safe journey to more than 125 301FW members as they board an aircraft bound for Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)





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## Time to leave

The 301st Fighter Wing members from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Texas, load buses taking them to the awaiting transport. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



## Community members show their appreciation

Col. Kevin E. Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander (far left corner), addresses more than 125 stationed with the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Texas, prior to their departure to Southwest Asia. Expressing their support are 11 Fort Worth Airpower Council members. The APC distributed phone cards with thousands of minutes to the 301st members so they may keep in contact with their families. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

## Meet Frosty, the snow-Airman

Being deployed to Southwest Asia doesn't always mean working in the sun and sand. Members of the 73rd Aerial Port Squadron, based out of the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Texas, enjoy some time off with a bit of overcast skies and snow during their current deployment in Afghanistan. (U.S. Air Force Photo)





## Reservists may qualify for early retired pay

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFNS)** — Department of Defense officials here have issued new guidelines for early receipt of retired pay for members of the Reserve components.

Instead of having to wait until age 60 to receive Reserve retired pay, eligible members may receive retired pay prior to age 60 but not before age 50.

Under interim changes to Department of Defense Instruction 1215.07, Service Credit for Reserve Retirement, issued under a law passed by Congress effective Jan. 28, 2008, Reserve component members are able to reduce the age at which they are eligible to receive retirement pay by three months for each cumulative period of 90 days served on active duty in any fiscal year.

Under the new law, members eligible to receive retired pay earlier than age 60 must still wait until age 60 to receive health-care benefits.

Qualifying active-duty service performed after Jan. 28, 2008, the date on which the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act was enacted, is creditable. The law does not provide credit for time served on or before that date.

All Airmen are encouraged to ensure their orders specify the statutory provision under which their active-duty service is performed. Airmen are also encouraged to keep track of their active-duty service and orders to ensure they receive proper credit and they meet the cumulative 90-day thresholds to reduce retirement age.

More information is available on the Air Reserve Personnel Center Web site at [www.arpc.afrc.af.mil](http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil).

## Deployment history to be removed from promotion briefs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS)** — Air Force officials here recently announced that deployment history data will be deleted from duty qualification briefs for officer selection and pre-selection and from

senior noncommissioned officer evaluation briefs.

This total-force initiative will apply to all active-duty members, Reserve and Guard personnel.

"These changes will impact management level reviews, as well as officer and enlisted central selection boards," said Lt. Col. John Giles, chief of promotions and evaluations at the Pentagon.

The deployment data will be removed from senior NCO evaluation briefs with this month's senior master sergeant promotion board. It will also be removed from the June lieutenant colonel (line of the Air Force) and medical service corps promotion boards when the system modifications are complete.

For the Reserve, the change will go into effect with the April (chaplain, line of the Air Force judge advocate general) major and lieutenant colonel board. For the Guard, the change will occur with the colonel's Federal Recognition Review Board that convenes in March.

Besides "traditional" deployments, such as long-term deployments to the area of responsibility, some career fields such as space and missile and unmanned aircraft system operators do not typically deploy but provide daily support operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

In addition, many global mobility Airmen, as well as Guard and Reserve Airmen, do not spend 45 consecutive days in the AOR (a minimum requirement for documentation), but often deploy for more than 45 cumulative days within a calendar year.

This documentation includes decoration citations, bullets on officer and enlisted performance reports, promotion recommendation form statements, letters to officer promotion boards and more.

## Air Force's top enlisted Airman to retire

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** — The Air Force chief of staff announced the pending retirement of the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force Feb. 26, here.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

Rodney J. McKinley will retire this summer after serving for 30 years.

Chief McKinley has served as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force since June 30, 2006.

"Chief McKinley is an incomparable leader and an exemplary Airman," Gen. Norton Schwartz said. "He has devoted his entire adult life to our Air Force and to taking care of Airmen and their families. Chief McKinley has accomplished so much throughout his career, but as chief master sergeant of the Air Force he has made monumental contributions."

"I will always be an Airman," Chief McKinley said. "This time as chief master sergeant of the Air Force has been especially humbling for me. Everywhere I travel around the globe, I see Airmen and their families sacrificing, striving and fighting for our Air Force, our great nation and its ideals."

"We've been involved in a momentous struggle against agents of terrorism," the chief said. "We have never faltered in our duty and every day we stamp out the wanton destruction terrorists would like to bring to our nation and our allies. It's been an honor and privilege for me to serve alongside the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who I am confident history will regard as some of the greatest warriors of all time."

A formal retirement ceremony for Chief McKinley and appointment for the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force is planned for June 30. The Air Force chief of staff selects the individual to fill the position of chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

## Calling your service center

The Total Force Service Center shared 800 number is 800.525.0102. Customers are now routed through a menu to their counselors. They choose Option 3 for Air Force Reserve, and Option 4 for Air National Guard.

From overseas, customers dialing commercially will dial the country access code <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8560> followed by 1.877.218.4240. Overseas customers also can call DSN 312.926.6528 to reach the service center.





## Painting the skies blue

A 457th Fighter Squadron F-16C streaks across the sky on one of the many training missions that take place from the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas, (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

## PROMOTIONS, NEWCOMERS

### Promotions

#### Det 1 FW

Senior Airman Kindy A. Gornineer

#### 301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Steven C. Ashworth

Staff Sgt. Cesar O. Ostolaza

Staff Sgt. Donzonta A. Scott

Tech. Sgt. Kathleen M. Evans

Master Sgt. James L. Knight

#### 73 APS

Staff Sgt. Charles Brister

Staff Sgt. Buddy L. Hughes

Staff Sgt. Rayvonne A. Sang

#### 301 CES

Staff Sgt. Timothy A. Click

Tech. Sgt. Barbara A. Roll

#### 301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Mark C. Gantzer

Master Sgt. James S. McLain

#### 301 AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Hans K. Bergen

Master Sgt. Mark D. Roath

#### 610 SFS

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth B. Johnson

### Newcomers

#### 301 AMXS

Airman Basic Daniel W. Stallcup

Airman Kennedy Williams

Senior Airman Marcus P. Aparicio

Senior Airman Jared W. Innerarity

Senior Airman Zachary R. Tyson

Senior Airman Casey J. Neely

Tech. Sgt. Jason G. Singletary

#### 301 CES

Senior Airman James M. Hartness, Iv

Senior Airman Andrew M. Speener

Staff Sgt. John F. Swasey

Tech. Sgt. Misty E. Bailey

Tech. Sgt. Ray J. Bell

#### 301 MXS

Senior Airman David M. Dumenil

Senior Airman Sandra A. Lovett

Senior Airman Stephens J. Williams

Staff Sgt. Steven R. Carlson

Staff Sgt. Brian E. Shintatu

Staff Sgt. Ronald Collins

Tech. Sgt. Jason T. Holmes

#### 301 MDS

Airman 1st Class Daniel L. Cathey

Senior Airman Kari G. Gardner

Senior Airman Nathan R. McReynolds

Senior Airman Gilset Norman

Staff Sgt. Urban M. Sanchez

#### 610 SFS

Senior Airman Lance K. Keller

Capt. Jalaal A. Green

Capt. Toby W. Kennedy

#### 301 SVF

Staff Sgt. Sara E. Hackbarth

#### 73 APS

Senior Airman Katie L. Horton

Staff Sgt. Bradley J. Hanlon

#### 301 SFS

Staff Sgt. Michael W. Hurd

#### 701 MDS

Staff Sgt. Sean A. Kennard

#### 301 LRS

Airman 1st Class Donna R. Angarita

Staff Sgt. Timothy D. Robenalt